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To the People of Texas.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
AUSTIN, September 4th, 1861. }

The Secretary of War of the Confederate States has requested the State Executive to have made up, at an early day, a large quantity of Woollen Clothing, to supply the wants of the Army, to be charged to the Confederate Government. The Medical Perveyor has also asked aid from the Executive to a plan to procure Blankets for the sick and wounded of the army. He suggests very wisely that almost every family, with little or no inconvenience to itself, can contribute a Blanket or Comfortable to his Department.

Warmly approving these suggestions, the Executive issued his Address of the 31st ult., inviting the formation in every County in the State of a Society, or Committee, to solicit and receive heavy Clothing, Blankets, Comfortables, and other articles, which will be needed by our army during the coming winter. The military stores thus furnished will be paid for in the bonds of the Confederate States.

To effectuate this plan, depots will be established at central points, under the superintendence of the following agents, viz :

At Jefferson,..... W. P. Sauffley.
" Henderson,..... J. H. Parsons.
" Palestine,..... John E. Cravens.
" Dallas,..... Dr. Saml. Pryor.
" Sherman,..... W. E. Sanders.
" Waco,..... J. W. Speight.
" Austin,..... W. H. D. Carrington
" San Antonio,..... Vance & Bro.
" Victoria,..... Wm. S. Glass.
" Houston,..... E. W. Taylor.
" Beaumont,..... John J. Herring.

They will receive and forward to the proper destination the contributions of the county associations, and of the citizens generally, and whenever necessary, may furnish transportation, and incur other expenses growing properly out of the discharge of their duties, on

the faith and credit of the Confederate States. The State itself will sustain that credit to the utmost limit of its resources. All valid accounts for military stores thus furnished, or otherwise contracted by each agent in the discharge of his duties, will be certified by him to this office, where the same will be examined, approved and registered.

The County Societies will forward their contributions to the agents at most convenient or accessible depots.

Each of the agents at Henderson, Palestine, Dallas, Sherman, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, and Victoria, will forward his collections to the most accessible depot, either at Jefferson, Houston, or Beaumont, directed to the agent at that point. General depots will be established at the latter points, from which the military stores thus accumulated will be transported, or distributed under the directions of the President of the Confederate States. The agents designated for these purposes will also receive contributions from the county associations private individuals, or any other quarter.

The State Executive has received assurances from the managers of the different Railroad Companies in Texas that "they will transport troops and military stores intended for the defence of the country, free of charge."

To give vigor, efficiency and life to this plan, the great body of our citizens must lend to it their persevering and active labors. No appeal can be necessary to arouse them to early and efficient action to prevent a frequent recurrence among the brave youth whom we have sent from our mild climate to Virginia and Missouri, of the horrors of Valley Forge. No time should be lost. Winter will soon be upon them.

WM. BYRD,
Adjutant-General.

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